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NORTHERN TERRITORY *at a glance*



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Area	km ²	1 347 225	
Average annual rainfall	mm	Darwin 1 666	Alice Springs 273
Average annual temperature			
min	°C	23.2	13.2
max	°C	31.9	28.6
Average annual humidity			
9.00 a.m.	%	73	42
3.00 p.m.	%	54	23
Highest daily rainfall record:	Roper River Station	1963	544.6 mm
Highest maximum temperature recorded:	Finke	1960	48.3 °C
Lowest minimum temperature recorded:	Alice Springs	1976	-7.5 °C
Estimated Resident Population			
Darwin City	no	1996 68 889	1997 (p) 69 415
Palmerston	no	13 343	14 849
Darwin Rural Areas	no	15 435	16 147
Katherine	no	9 443	9 752
Alice Springs	no	25 040	25 713
Nhulunbuy	no	3 759	3 784
Tennant Creek	no	3 670	3 832
Northern Territory	no	181 843	187 132
Indigenous Population by Census			
Darwin Statistical Division	no	1991 6 179	1996 7 368
Alice Springs	no	3 708	3 911
Tennant Creek	no	928	1 517
Katherine	no	1 478	1 623
Northern Territory	no	39 910	46 277
Vital Statistics			
Births	no	1995 3 729	1996 3 531
Rate per 1 000 population		20.6	19.1
Deaths	no	812	768
Rate per 1000 population		4.5	4.2
Marriages	no	797	787
Rate per 1000 population		4.4	4.3
Divorces granted	no	432	486
Rate per 1000 population		2.5	2.7
Public Hospitals			
Available beds	no	5	5
Bed utilisation	%	569	577
		89	86
Schools			
Teaching staff	no	174	172
Students	no	2 543	2 587
	no	34 842	35 507
Approvals			
New houses	no	931	1 105
New other residential buildings	no	505	842
Total building	\$m	394.3	474.4
Completions			
New houses	no	1 011	940
New other residential buildings	no	488	623
Total building	\$m	399.8	499.7
Employment (trend estimate)			
Employed persons	'000	Dec 1996 82.4	Dec 1997 88.1
Unemployed persons	'000	4.4	3.5
Unemployed rate	%	5.1	3.8
Participation rate	%	68.2	70.4
Average Weekly Earnings			
All males total earnings	\$	Aug 1996 672.5	Aug 1997 671.3
All females total earnings	\$	475.9	506.7
All employees total earnings	\$	579.0	592.3

* Source: Territory Health Services Annual Report

Consumer Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	119.5	121.6
Established House Price Index (Base: 1989-90 = 100.0)	188.0	196.9

AVERAGE RETAIL PRICES - DARWIN (cents)

		Sep qtr 1996	Sep qtr 1997
Milk, carton	1 litre	116	121
Bread, white loaf, sliced	680 g	194	196
Rump steak	1 kg	1 289	1 218
Potatoes	1 kg	109	132
Eggs - dozen	55g	291	310
Margarine, poly-unsaturated	500g	211	191
Coffee, instant	150g	565	610
Draught beer, full strength	285 ml	225	230
Petrol, unleaded	1 litre	77.4	78.9

AGRICULTURE

Establishments	no	337	355
Field crops and horticulture	\$m	36.0	40.6
Livestock slaughterings/other disposals and livestock products	\$m	138.2	149.5
Live cattle & buffalo exports	no	129 363	156 667

FISHING

Estimated value of catch		1994-95	1995-96
Barramundi	\$m	2.5	2.9
Snapper	\$m	2.6	3.6
Prawns	\$m	62.1	35.9
Total (all species)	\$m	121.9	98.9

Establishments	no	32	30
Persons employed	no	1 784	1 911
Wages and salaries	\$m	121.7	127.9
Turnover	\$m	1 280.3	1 272.7

EXPLORATION EXPENDITURE

Mineral exploration	\$m	1995-96	1996-97
Petroleum exploration	\$m	93.9	88.9
		96.3	n.p.

Persons employed	'000	3.2	3.5
Wages and salaries	\$m	99.9	101.3
Turnover	\$m	736.3	900.1

Occupancy rates

Hotels/motels/guesthouses	%	57.6	57.0
Caravan parks	%	28.3	28.6
Holiday flats, units and houses	%	74.5	69.5
Visitor Hostels	%	52.7	47.7
Takings from accommodation	\$m	134.0	145.3

New motor vehicles registered during year	no	7 660	7 715
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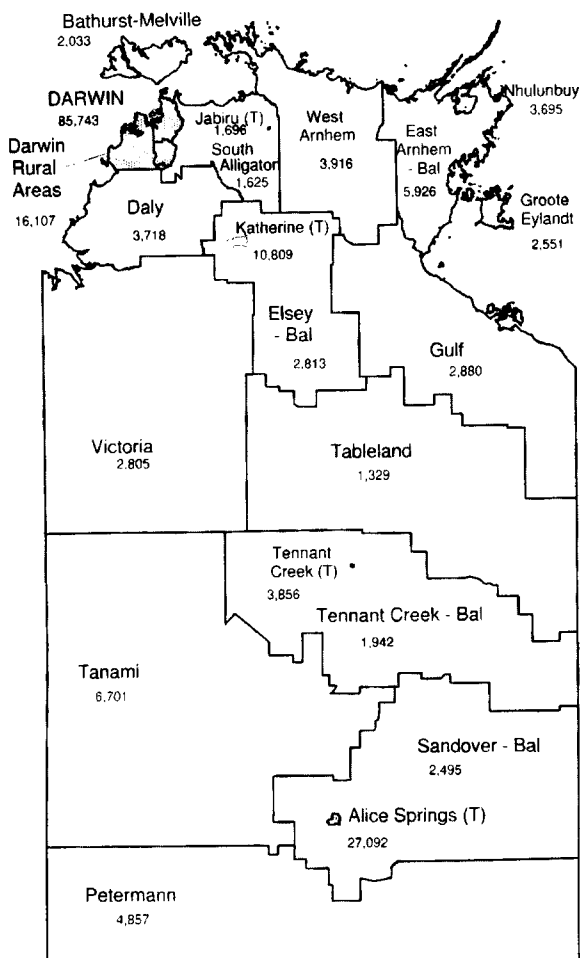
Value of imports to NT	\$m	394.6	404.0
Value of exports from NT	\$m	1 210.5	1 244.9

Territory Government

Current & Capital Outlays	\$m	1 697	1 771
Taxes, Fees & Fines	\$m	308	323
Revenue & Grants received	\$m	1 410	1 379

NOTE: (p) indicates preliminary figure n.p. not published

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1996 Census Population Counts
(includes visitors)

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